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KEIGHLEY ANNUAL FESTIVAL AND DOG SHOW.

This annual festival was held at the village of Keighley, which lies near to Halifax, Bradford, and Huddersfield, on Friday and Saturday last, and was better attended by parties from the above populous towns and the surrounding neighbourhood than was ever before known, which was attributed to several new features being introduced in the programme of amusements. The brass band and the illuminations in the streets formed a very great attraction. The dog show, the pony leaping, and the brass band contest, which are entirely a new feature, were under the auspices of the Keighley Agricultural Society. The money taken at the gates on the second day last year was about £150; this year on the second day the receipts amounted to about £150. The brass band contest, the first prize of which consisted of £12 in money and a bombard in B flat, value £16 16s., was awarded to Kirkstall band; the second prize (£7 in money and a tenor horn in E flat, value £9 5s.) was won by the Black Dyke Mills band; the third prize (£5 in money and a soprano cornet in E flat, value £7 7s.) by the Raitaire band; and the fourth (£3), by Dodsworth's band, Bradford. The Jupiter cornet, value £9 9s., presented by Mr. F. Besson, of London, was awarded to Mr. Jackson, leader of the Kirkstall band, as the

best solo cornet player in the contest. Each competitor for this prize was allowed to make his own selection. The following is the list of prizes for the dogs.

Dogs used in field sports.—Dog or bitch, any breed, silver cup, J. Hirst, Horton. Harrier or beagle, J. Hirst; 2. T. B. Witcock, Bradley Moor. Greyhound, Wm. Wade, Airdingham; 2. J. Scott, Skipton. Pointer, J. Hirst; 2. A. Stott, Oakenhouse. Setter, R. B. Wilson, Halifax; 2. F. Rawstron, Whitworth. Retriever, J. W. Sutcliffe, Bradford; 2. F. Heintzman, Bradford. Any other British or Foreign breed, J. Barron, Pendlebury; 2. J. Hirst. Not used in field sports.—Dog or bitch, of any breed, silver cup, W. Waller, Leeds. Sheep dog, John Lancaster, Ilkley; 2. F. Delany, Keighley. Newfoundland, W. Waller; 2. J. Dewhurst and Sons, Skipton. Mastiff or other watch dog, James Cater, Bradford; 2. W. Walker, Shipley. Bulldog, D. Bertella, Manchester. Bull terrier, John Parker, Keighley; 2. Robt. Robinson, Bradford. Black and tan terrier, Captain Thornbury, Burnley; 2. Thos. Hink, Bradford. Smooth haired terrier, Jas. Barrow; 2. J. Hirst. Broken-haired terrier, Jas. Portit, Rampton; 2. J. Hudson, Bognor. Skye and Dandie Dinmont terrier, J. Hodgson, Skipton; 2. J. Eastwood, Bradford. Toy terrier, not exceeding 15 lbs weight, Mrs. Pugh, Bradford; 2. G. Parker, Leeds.

MOORS AND FORESTS, PERTSHIRE.

In some of the low districts a few sportsmen have shot for an hour or two on the partridge grounds, and the sport has come up to expectation. On all the hills the grouse are now becoming very wild, but there is no deficiency of birds. It is not often that the prospects for the 12th are so good as they were this year, and it is seldom that the weather has been so unsettled. For all that an unusual quantity of game has already been killed. On the 24th ult., Sir P. Murray, Bart., and another gun made a fine brace of grouse and a number of hares on the Ochertyre moors. They had also a fair bag on the 25th. It was late on both occasions before they went out. In the Killin district the sportsmen are at present devoting their attention less to grouse than hare shooting. On the 50th ult. Sir Samuel Morton Peto's party were on their way to a hare hunt, when the company came upon a fine stag in the wood on the farm of Inishowan. The four guns were only loaded with No. 5 shot, but the double barrels were soon emptied, and the stag secured. On the day previous Mr. G. Turner and party, Glenochay, had a hare hunt and killed upwards of 200 hares. A number of other gentlemen have also killed large quantities of this game, which is very abundant in most preserves this season, and as it is very destructive to the crops, farmers will be much gratified to hear of such slaughter. In Dumfriesshire the shooting on the various moors has been very variable. In a few instances good bags have been made on three or four of the shooting ranges; but as a rule sportsmen have not met with that amount of success which they anticipated previous to the opening day. This is no way owing to the scarcity of birds, for they are reported to be plentiful, but unusually wild, and the wet and unsettled state of the weather has materially interfered with that success which was expected if the weather had been more favourable. Partridge shooting commenced yesterday morning, and the numerous shooting parties out succeeded in several instances, we are informed, in bagging upwards of 20 brace to each gun. The coveys are numerous and the birds strong, and the weather was most favourable yesterday for shooting purposes.—*Edinburgh Courant.*

The weather in the end of last week was pretty fair for shooting, and some fair bags were made on the moors and on partridge covers. The latter promise to yield well. On Wednesday last four sportsmen near Killen, went out for rue and black game shooting, and had excellent sport. They had a star which weighed gross 28st 10lb, and



THOMAS J. PICKETT Celebrated Amateur Souler, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and his Famous Bitch "Duchess."

when cleaned 18st 3lb; 100 one deer, ten brace blackgame, twelve brace grouse, and five hares. The Hon. G. H. Liddell had excellent sport on the Drummond Castle moors, when on that week, Lord Ravensworth was not in the district for some days, but was expected to return on Saturday evening.

CURIOSITIES FROM THE MOORS.—The Earl of Crawford last week shot a very curious-looking grouse, and has sent it to Mr. Mackay, bird-stuffer, Inverness, to be preserved. It is of a uniform pale ash colour, nearly white, and when killed was plump and in fine healthy condition. Mr. Hanbury, Ord, has also sent to Mr. Mackay, a strangely marked grouse, the prevailing colour of which is a faded yellow, a few of the feathers being a light brown, the wings and tail ash-coloured. Two others have been sent by D. H. Mackenzie, Esq., Poolewee, of a peculiarly mottled grey colour.—*Inverness Courier.*

BOWLING.

E. MAKEPEACE AND J. STEWART, for £20.—These popular bowlers had a performance on the Town Moor, Newcastle, on Saturday last, one mile, or from the Grand Stand to the Newcastle Turn, with 100z bowls each, for £10 a side. As Makepeace's reputation for this sort of sport is genuine, the treaty was that he "hough" the whole distance, that is, to throw the bowl from between the legs. Stewart to bowl underneath at usual. The attendance was passably large. There was some moderate betting, both men having the call occasionally. Stewart got well away for a little time with Makepeace's close up. Some alteration now took place, and the latter getting splendidly out for the first time, went to the fore; and, although Jimmie worked very well, he couldn't collar Ned, who reached the gutter more than a quarter of a throw in advance.

FELINE SAGACITY.—A correspondent writes as follows:—"Some nine months since a friend, living in Norfolk, took a fancy to a favourite cat that I had from a kitten. He was put in a hamper and taken 100 miles by rail, and was treated with great kindness for a day or two within doors. On being let out he instantly disappeared and could not again be found. A short time since, on opening my door one evening, the very cat rushed in. He was fully recognized by the household and neighbours, who had previously known him, although he was much disfigured, having undoubtedly been in many battles."

over; J. Meadows, 16 yds; L. Stanley, 17 yds; and J. Bradshaw, 16½, absent. Second heat: L. Stanley, 17 yds; G. Stevens, 14 yds; J. Sherwood, Worcester, 11 yds. Won by Stevens by half a yard over Bradford, Sherwood well up. B. Draper, 16 yds, absent. Third heat: J. Aldcroft, 14½ yds; B. Dodd, 19½ yds; and T. Parker, 18 yds. Won by the last-named by three-quarters of a yard. Aldcroft second, and Dodd a yard behind. T. Hemmings, 18 yds, not present. Fourth heat: J. Roberts, 18 yds; B. Davis, 16½ yds; and T. Gregory, 16½ yds. Won by Roberts by half a yard. T. Gregory, 16½ yds, absent. Fifth heat: W. Corbett, 16 yds; J. Roberts, 16 yds; and J. Aldcroft, 14½ yds. Won by Corbett by half a yard. T. Gregory, 16½ yds, absent. Sixth heat: T. Clift, 17 yds; W. Corbett, 16 yds; and J. Aldcroft, 14½ yds. Won by Corbett by half a yard. T. Gregory, 16½ yds, absent. Seventh heat: J. Aldcroft, 14½ yds; W. Corbett, 16 yds; and J. Roberts, 18 yds. Won by Aldcroft by half a yard. T. 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W. J. Croft, 9; W. E. Parker, 15; A. Thorpe, scratch; G. J. Kell, 4; W. Womack, 15; F. Bradley, scratch; T. Bennett, scratch; G. Bason, 15; G. Wright, 10; F. Lister, 12; W. Bennett, 12; R. Sykes, 12; J. Allen, 6; W. Makepeace, 12; J. Bentley, scratch; T. West, scratch; T. Lancaster, scratch; and F. P. Rhodes, scratch; were also included in the race.

RUNNING WIRE JUMP.—First Prize, Crust Stand, value £1; second, Albion, value £1 4s, open to Cricket Clubs and Rifle Corps, seven entries. W. J. Croft, first prize, 1; Barker, second; D. Twigg, W. G. Parker, J. Dobson, G. J. Kell, and G. Richardson.

FLAT RACE, 1 mile. Open to all amateurs within 20 miles. First prize, Cup, value £5 4s; second prize, Porfina Cup, value £1 10s. Eight entries. 1st, S. Heywood; 2nd, R. Mason. The other competitors were S. Watson, C. H. Atkinson, K. H. Perrot, C. W. Beardsall, J. Allen, and W. Danbar.

HUNT JUMP WITH POLE.—Open to all gentlemen amateurs. First prize, case of cutlery, value £2 5s; second prize, case of hair brushes. A. M. Wild, first prize; B. Beardsall, second prize; W. H. Gossop, T. Kirk, W. G. Haggard, and W. E. Parker also competed.

FLAT RACE 40 YARDS.—Open to the 4th W.A.B.R. Volunteers. First prize, value £5 10s; second prize, Flower Vase, value £1. S. Watson, first prize; S. Heywood, second prize. There were seven entries.

THE RING.—Open to Barnsley Cricket Club, Corps, and Yeomanry, Sheffield Foot-Ball Club, and Rotherham Athletic Club. First prize, Cup, value £1; second prize, Tooty Basket, value £1 10s; third prize, Vase, value 10s. 61. There were twenty entries. The first prize was awarded to G. Bailey; second to W. H. Gossop; third to T. Kirk.

WASH AND RING. A Mile.—Open to Barnsley Cricket Club and Corps. First prize, Desk, value £2 4s; second, Bag, value 10s. There were six entries. The prizes were awarded to F. R. Rhodes, and D. Twigg.

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SWORD EXERCISE, MOUNTED.—Open for the 1st West York Yeomanry Cavalry. First prize, Cup, value £2; second, Sandwich Case, value £1 5s. There were six entries. The prizes were awarded to J. H. Perrot, and A. Allen.

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HAWKINS AND COLLEGGERS.—Mr. J. Woolfoot has received articles and £1 a side, for a 110 yds race between G. W. Woolfoot, of Leeds, and T. Wilkinson, of Bradford, for £15 a side. Another deposit of £1 a side has been made on Tuesday. The race is fixed to be run at the White Horse Race Grounds, York-road, Leeds, on September 26th.

LIVERPOOL.

SEAWATER GROUNDING.—Whereas Mr. Dugan, More than usual interest was attached to the 140 yds race, on Saturday last, between Harry Webster and Bob Davies, both of Liverpool, stake at issue being £10 a side. Both are well-known to Liverpool as fast "jacks." Webster, who has been for some time past considered local champion at 40 yds, the match under consideration was consequently of his distance, and several knowing ones had a great penchant for Young Davies—his running in sprint handicaps being well known to be a good deal better than his. He is but young, and if placed in proper hands, he will prove himself a most troublesome customer to dispose of at about 100 yards. The whole of the money was staked in the hands of the proprietor, who was also appointed referee. They agreed to start by mutual consent, and it was in fifteen minutes to go by first report of pistol. At seven o'clock both made their appearance, coming early, which was a signal for speculation to commence in earnest, betting being at even odds. The match was a close one, Webster, the strongest party, and speculation soon enhanced to 5 to 4 on him, with but few takers. On seeing the scratch both seemed anxious to get off, and Webster was level with him; a most severe struggle took place, Webster's feet getting in front a few yards from home, and winning a capital race by one yard, amidst the most intense excitement.

GOULDING AND PRISON.—Thomas Dixon and James Goulding, both of Birkenhead, ran 150 yds for £10 on Saturday last. The odds were 5 to 4 on Goulding, and a sum of £4 has been staked in the hands of the proprietor, and the final deposit becomes due two hours before running. To be on the mark at 6.30 p.m. prompt.

THOMAS AND SWEENEY.—The two mile walking match between J. Thomas and J. Sweeney, the latter receiving 45 acs stake, has ended in smoke, Sweeney being compelled to forfeit.

JOHN BARTON, OF NORWICH.—JOHN THORNTON, OF LIVERPOOL, RUNS ON MONDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 11th, FOR £10 A SIDE, IN A 100 YARDS RACE. Both are in very good form, and a clipping race is anticipated. To be on the mark at half-past six o'clock.

WALLACE AND BARTON.—WILLIAM WALLACE, OF LIVERPOOL, AND JOHN BARTON, OF NORWICH, CONTINUE TO FIGHT THEIR DEBUTS regularly on behalf of their one mile race, a sum of £8 having now been staked, and a further sum of £4 a side has to be made good this evening at Mr. Tins, Walton's, Life Boat House, Robert-street North. The match will come off on Monday, Sept. 11th, 1865.

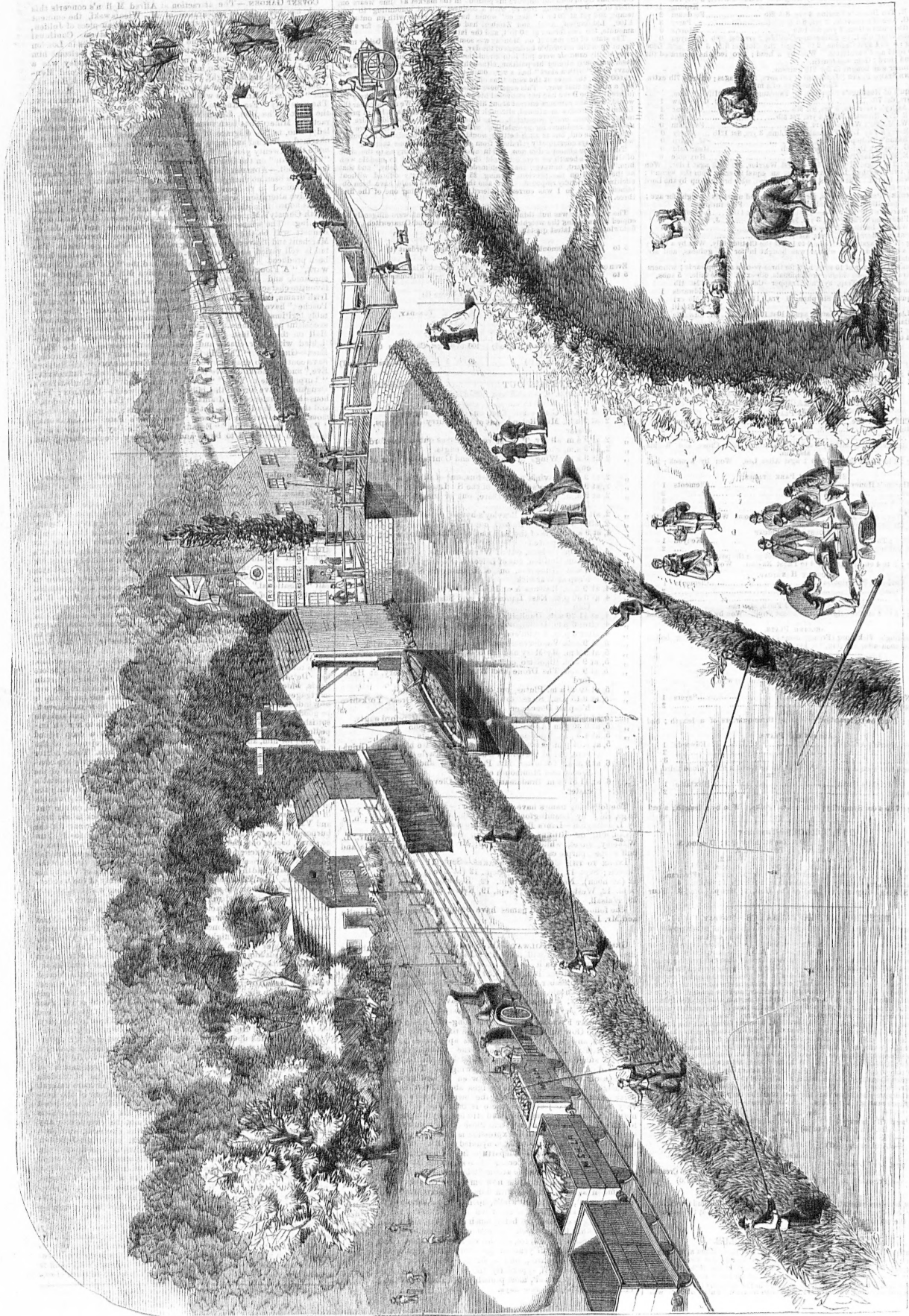
MILES AND A HALF CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.—In the course of seven or eight weeks the proprietor of these grounds will give a magnificent silver cup, of the value of £20, to be run for at the above grounds, distance one mile and a half, open to the world. Money prizes will also be given, namely, £5 and £10 to the winner, £3 to second man, and £1 to the third. The winner must hold the trophy against all comers during the term of eighteen months, to accept all challenges for its possession, and run in six weeks from signing articles, and must beat him £25 a side. Each match to be run for at the Strawberry Hotel Grounds, or such grounds as the donors may select, six to enter, or no race.

On Monday there was but a limited attendance at the Strawberry Hotel Grounds to witness Gen Miles and Master Johnny Day walk half a mile. As might naturally be expected the match excited but little interest, and is soon told. Miles led from start to finish, passing the goal first by about 100 yards.

WALLACE AND BRYAN.—A match has been made between Thomas Bryan and William Wallace to run a distance of 40 yards, for £10 a side, Bryan being in receipt of eleven yards stake. To come off on Monday, the 2nd of October, 1865. The match is on the terms of the late 40 yards handicap given by Mr. Thomas Walling a few weeks ago, and will no doubt be very closely contested.

ONE MILE AND HALF CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.—A handsome silver cup will be given by a few gentlemen in the course of four weeks for a one mile and a half championship, open to the world, and will be the following prices:—£2 to 1st, £1 to 2nd, £1 to 3rd, £1 to 4th, £1 to 5th, £1 to 6th, £1 to 7th, £1 to 8th, £1 to 9th, £1 to 10th, £1 to 11th, £1 to 12th, £1 to 13th, £1 to 14th, £1 to 15th, £1 to 16th, £1 to 17th, £1 to 18th, £1 to 19th, £1 to 20th, £1 to 21st, £1 to 22nd, £1 to 23rd, £1 to 24th, £1 to 25th, £1 to 26th, £1 to 27th, £1 to 28th, £1 to 29th, £1 to 30th, £1 to 31st, £1 to 32nd, £1 to 33rd, £1 to 34th, £1 to 35th, £1 to 36th, £1 to 37th, £1 to 38th, £1 to 39th, £1 to 40th, £1 to 41st, £1 to 42nd, £1 to 43rd, £1 to 44th, £1 to 45th, £1 to 46th, £1 to 47th, £1 to 48th, £1 to 49th, £1 to 50th, £1 to 51st, £1 to 52nd, £1 to 53rd, £1 to 54th, £1 to 55th, £1 to 56th, £1 to 57th, £1 to 58th, £1 to 59th, £1 to 60th, £1 to 61st, £1 to 62nd, £1 to 63rd, £1 to 64th, £1 to 65th, £1 to 66th, £1 to 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SUMMARY OF THE WEEK.



THE SHEFFIELD ANGLING HANDICAP: VIEW OF THE WATER AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY.

ANGLING.

THE GRAYLING—(*Thymallus vulgaris*.)

He loves the river with the water clear;
Where cascade musical falls on the ear;
Bottom of gravel, or of rock composed,
And streams and pools, alternate are opposed.
In shape most graceful, spots of green and gold,
Silver, and blue, their various hues unfold;
With body tapering and red-dipped fin,
The shoulder thick, and at the tail how thin;
Related to the trout, and yet how wide
A difference the two will oft divide.
When out of season trout, the grayling's best,
We war on one, and let the other rest.

The grayling, which belongs to the Salmonidae family, is very similar in nature and habits to the trout, delighting in clear and swift rivers, and swimming with the greatest rapidity. Like his beautiful relative, he boasts of an elegant figure, but is somewhat longer and flatter, although seldom exceeding sixteen or eighteen inches in length. He exhibits a graceful head, small and pointed; the lateral line is straight, and in colour he is of a silvery grey on the sides, but when first caught most beautifully spotted with green, lilac, gold, and black. The eyes protrude in anything but a pleasing manner, nor does the mouth boast of any beauty to attract attention, but it is, on the contrary, a drawback to his otherwise prepossessing appearance. The spawning time is in April and May, and in October and November he is in the most perfect condition, thus denoting a marked contrast to his relative the trout, with whom, however, he assimilates in preferring streams with gravelly and rocky bottoms.

A greedy feeder, he rises at the fly with the greatest eagerness, and worms, grubs, and every description of aquatic insect are taken by him in a manner bordering on the voracious. Nor are these the only objects which attract his appetite, for he labours under the suspicion of being partial to the roe of other species of his confederates of the flood. I make no apology for transcribing the following passage from our great authority, the renowned Isaac Walton, who, albeit many of his dogmas are now exploded, is still looked up to as the father of the gentle art. He says—"Of grubs for grayling, the ash grub, which is plump, milk white, bent round from head to tail, and exceedingly tender, with a round head; or the dock worm or grub, of a pale yellow, longer, lankier, and tougher than the other, with rows of feet all down his belly, and a red head, are the best. I say for grayling because, although the trout will take both of these, the ash grub especially, yet he does not do so so freely as the other, and I have usually taken ten graylings for one trout with that bait, though if trout came I have generally found that he is commonly a very good one."

As observed previously, he is in the best condition in October and November, and consequently those months are the best to try for him, although such is the firmness and edible quality of his flesh that it is difficult to catch him in any month when he is not prepared in every way to gratify the taste, or pander to the fastidious requirements of the bon vivant; and many go so far as to assert that he equals in gastronomic properties his cousin the trout—a fish, in my humble opinion and judgment, the most dainty that is brought within range of the culinary art.

Easily as the smaller ones are taken with the fly, which I account for by the fact that they generally frequent the shallows of streams;

yet I believe that the best mode to be adopted in trying for the larger description, who are to be found in deeper water and pools, is with the worm or maggot; and here I doubt not that the reprehension of many of my brethren, who swear by the fly, and ignore bottom fishing-in toto, will fall upon my devoted head, but I must submit to their reproaches in a forgiving spirit, acknowledging, however, the vast superiority of the one over the other. If you try for him then in deep water, I would recommend ground-bait to be used to attract them together, and almost anything will do to accomplish the required object. Grubs of every description, whether from the tree or cabbage plant if matters not, worms, gentles, &c., will be found sufficiently enticing. Allow your bait to touch the ground, and use tackle similar to that required for roach—light cane or hickory rod—with the finest gut or hair hook. When you have a bite the greatest care and nicety is

requisite in killing him, for he is very liable to slip his hold, and it requires fine manipulation to secure him, if he runs of any size. I would advise the reader to pursue the same tactics as adopted with the roach, especially as the tackle is so fine. Keep him under water and allow him plenty of time and line also, playing him in with great care, and ever remembering to be provided with a landing net, a most necessary addition to your kit. He has the reputation of being a craven-hearted fish, succumbing easily when tackled, but I rather view this asperion upon his character as a weak invention of the enemy. Walton states that, when in perfect condition, he is very black about his head, gills, and back, with belly of dark gray; tinted with black spots, from which circumstance he concludes he derives his name of "Umber."

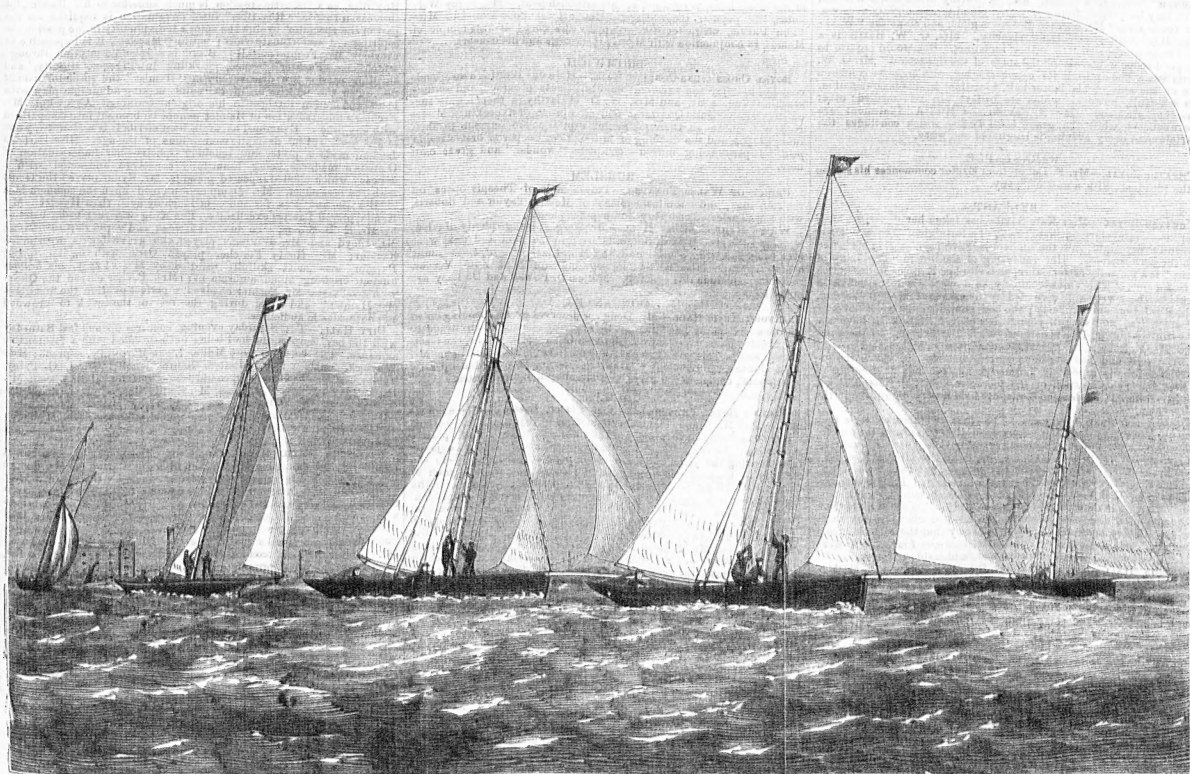
They are to be met with in tolerably abundant quantities in Hampshire and Wiltshire, but, after all, Yorkshire is famous for lovers, breeders, and judges of horseflesh—is more celebrated for its trout and grayling streams than any other county, and to particularise one or two, I will first mention the river Ure, and, again to narrow the limit, will fix upon that portion of it which flows near Masham, a market town about twenty miles from Richmond, as being, perhaps, the most conspicuous spot for a fisherman to visit his line in all Yorkshire. About a mile from Masham is situated the beautiful and romantic edifice, formerly the seat of the late Admiral Harcourt, a name familiar to all sportsmen, and associated with Ellington, the winner of the Derby, and Fildermith, who ran a dead heat with Governor for the Oaks. Swinton Castle, for such is the name of the magnificent structure, is embedded in a splendidly wooded park well stocked with deer, and embellished with a lake whereon aquatic birds of choice plumage, and rare breed play at "ducks and drakes" in undisturbed enjoyment. Wandering with tortuous course through the estate is a stream denominated the Burn, a tributary of the river Ure, and this is *par excellence* a most favoured spot for trout and grayling.

Yorkshiremen have, as a class, a great horror of bottom fishing, although I think that they might descend from the altitude of their conceits occasionally, to perform upon the grayling, as we southern fishermen would, especially when he is in most perfect condition when fly-fishing is entirely disposed of; yet it is merely paying them just homage to say that they are most killing hands with the fly, and seem to judge intuitively the most favourable spots to drop upon the enemy in the streams which intersect their romantic and most beautiful country. A glance at the sky and the direction of the wind will enable them to hit upon the fly proper for the occasion, frequently securing them when very shy by allowing the maggot to drop from a stoop or overhanging bank in a perfectly natural manner. A line tapering from six, four, two, until it concludes with a single hair, is usually used when performing upon the hapless and unsuspecting victims, and the red tackle, with a grub well toughened in sand for the tail bait, and any other hovering over the water, supply the rest of the flight.

The Ribbles, in its course through Yorkshire, is a great stream for grayling, but perhaps the Swale, which springs from a mountainous district in Westmoreland, boasts of greater attractions to the fly-fisher. That portion of the river which flows by Richmond (famous for its magnificent scenery, and the moors whence so many fleet racers have been trained) is justly celebrated for its grayling fishing, and Otterick Bridge is also a well-known station.

PISCATOR.

W. J. KING, WINNER OF THE TEMPLE COAT AND BADGE.



SAILING MATCH OF THE TEMPLE YACHT CLUB—THE START.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.
THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr. Longford announces this house to open for the winter season on the 16th inst. with "Othello," and the domestic

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The Illustrated Sporting News having rapidly attained the position of a leading theatrical organ, the proprietor, at the earnest request of a large body of the profession, has opened the advertising columns of the journal for the reception of advertisements on an economical scale of charges. In future all advertisements relating to the stage and music halls will be admitted at 3d. per line, and as the Illustrated Sporting News enjoys a circulation of upwards of 40,000 copies each issue, the advantage it offers as an advertising medium will at once be understood by those desirous of giving their announcements extensive publicity.

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ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT-GARDEN, EVERY EVENING at eight. Adm. 1 to 1 One Shilling.

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BENEFIT, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 1865. There will be the Company from the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, in an original Comedietta, by permission of Mr. George Wyman, and including, Mr. G. Vincent, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Horace Wigan, Mr. Sheridan, Miss Harvey, Miss Ada Harland, &c. There will be the first original Comedy, "The Minister," by Mr. C. Crocker, J. Butler, H. Hamilton, &c. There will be the first original Comedy, "The Minister," by Mr. C. Crocker, J. Butler, H. Hamilton, &c. There will be the first original Comedy, "The Minister," by Mr. C. Crocker, J. Butler, H. Hamilton, &c.

ROYAL STRAND THEATRE.
Solo Lessee and Managers, Mr. S. B. ANTONIOU.
This Theatre is now undergoing a complete renovation and improvement, and will be OPEN on the 13th inst. at 8 o'clock. The management is entrusted to Mr. S. B. ANTONIOU, who has secured the services of Mr. Frank Murray, Mr. J. W. G. Moore, &c. The Theatre will be the first original Comedy, "The Minister," by Mr. C. Crocker, J. Butler, H. Hamilton, &c.

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Solo Lessee and Manager, Mr. E. STANGE (late of the Crystal Palace).—The Largest and most brilliant Theatre of Varieties in the World. Ballet, Operatic and Comic Company of 200. Grand Entertainment, 8 o'clock. Evening, and luxurious accommodation for 5,000 visitors. Open every night at half past 7. 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